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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned selectmen of Harrisville, State of New Hampshire, respectfully submit the following financial report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1912.

Resident real estate,	\$194,975 00
Non-resident real estate,	135,410 00
196 polls,	19,600 00
166 horses,	15,725 00
143 cows,	4,105 00
59 neat-stock	1,160 00
4 oxen,	275 00
69 sheep,	280 00
Hens,	320 00
Carriages and automobiles,	7,550 00
Bank stock,	1,200 00
Money at interest,	11,715 00
Stock in trade,	40,700 00
Mills and machinery,	53,300 00
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	\$486,315 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

The town and school district voted to raise by taxation the following sums:

State tax,	\$1,022 00
County tax,	1,027 90
Highways and bridges,	1,500 00
Breaking roads,	200 00
Town charges,	500 00

Debt and interest,	2,000 00
Library,	50 00
Repairs on Eaton's bridge,	150 00
Cemetery fence,	100 00
Schools,	1,335 00
Text-books,	125 00
High school tuitions,	150 00
Flags,	25 00
Salaries, School Board,	100 00
Superintendent's salary,	180 00
Repairs,	200 00
Overlay,	332 95
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	\$8,997 85

Amount committed to Charles L. Partridge for col- lection,	\$8,997 85
Special tax,	22 20
Interest collected,	10 10
Collected on brown-tail moth account,	23 00
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	\$9,053 15
Amount abated,	48 10
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	\$9,005 05

Rate per cent, 1.85 on \$100 valuation.

TAXES ABATED.

Peter Billeveau, death,	\$1 85
Alfred Comb, left town,	1 85
George Elliot, paid in Rochester,	1 85
Gardner Jolly, under age,	1 85
Charles Johnson, left town,	1 85
Kiresto Nestor, under age,	1 85
John Lasla, under age,	1 85
Charles Lamis, left town,	1 85
Jacob Licoma, left town,	1 85

Joseph Mackey, left town,	1 85
Mat. Matherson, left town,	1 85
John McCauley, paid in Connecticut,	1 85
James McCahill, left town,	1 85
Isaac Maki, left town,	1 85
Kusto Maki, left town,	1 85
Andrew Nelson, left town,	1 85
Thomas Ryan, left town,	1 85
Henry Saunla, left town,	1 85
Henry Trudell, paid in Dublin,	1 85
Marcellas Spofford, left town,	1 85
John Sulcola, left town,	1 85
George Tully, paid in Keene,	1 85
Robert Venable, left town,	1 85
L. A. White, paid in Marlboro,	1 85
William T. Wood, paid in Dublin,	1 85
John Parker, under age,	1 85
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	\$48 10

TOWN DEBT.

The town debt Feb. 15, 1911, was \$14,000 00

On this debt interest to the amount of \$843.31 has been paid together with \$1,100 of the principle, leaving a debt of \$12,900.00. This is practically on 4 per cent. interest.

ASSETS,

Balance in treasury,	\$1,448 66
Uncollected taxes,	53 20
Balance in Five Cents Savings Bank,	388 19
Due from county,	114 74
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	\$2,004 79
Repairs on Eaton bridge at East Harrisville:	
Appropriations,	\$150 00

W. W. Lampman employed to do the work.

For labor and material,	\$88 00	
Balance,	62 00	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

Permanent improvement on road:

Set apart under Sec. 3, Chap. 35, laws 1905,	\$464 00	
Set apart under Sec. 4, Chap. 35, laws 1905,	232 00	
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Town share of the joint fund,	\$696 00	
Appropriated by the state under Sec. 5,	\$417 60	
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Total joint fund raised in 1911,	\$1,113 60	

This fund is held over until next year as there is bridge work that should be done in connection with the same, and two years' appropriations can be expended to better advantage than in separate seasons.

We would suggest that a cement bridge be built in place of the wooden one at Russell's Mill.

Respectfully submitted,

ELWYN W. SEAVER,
MARTIN M. MASON,
THOMAS J. WINN,
Selectmen of Harrisville.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in treasury, from T. J. Winn,	\$ 405 66
County, received for pauper claim,	51 07
Selectmen, money use of town,	400 00
Selectmen, money use of town,	400 00
John Cunningham, pool table license,	10 00
George Bouford, pool table license,	10 00
George Tufts, dog licenses,	113 90
C. C. Farwell, school fund,	24 80
Alexander Eustice, taxes 1910,	4 62
Nelson, use road machine,	4 00
E. Seaver, for Leighton fires (from D. Hart),	17 04
Pauper claims,	137 96
T. J. Winn, police court fine,	2 00
State treasurer, fire account,	65 02
Charles Partridge, taxes,	8,944 65
Charles Partridge, interest on taxes,	10 10
Charles Partridge, special taxes,	22 20
W. W. Lapman, money for use of town,	500 00
Winn Bros., money for use of town,	9,000 00
E. W. Seaver, money for use of town,	150 00
George Tufts, money for use of town,	300 00
John Stewart, cemetery lot,	3 00
State treasurer, R. R. tax,	164 28
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	233 97
State treasurer, literary fund,	86 46
State treasurer, proportion school fund,	528 80
Collector, for picking moths,	23 00
	\$21,612 53

TOWN OFFICERS.

Benj. Martin, police service,	\$ 2 00
Arthur Seaver, police service,	4 75
Benj. Martin, police service,	1 00
E. W. Seaver, services as selectman and expenses,	56 58
S. P. Tuttle, services as supervisor,	3 60
W. S. Parker, services as supervisor,	3 00
George Tufts, services as town clerk,	25 00
B. F. Bemis, services as member board of health,	4 00
E. L. Kenister, services as town treasurer,	25 00
M. M. Mason, services as selectman,	45 75
T. J. Winn, services as selectman and expenses,	51 00
Ernest Thayer, services as supervisor,	3 00
Mrs. Frances Hardy, services as librarian,	26 50
Curtis Silver, services as sexton,	25 00
C. C. Farwell, agent school funds,	3 00
E. W. Seaver, services as overseer of poor and expenses,	5 74
C. L. Partridge, services as tax collector,	70 00
Robert McColl, services as auditor,	2 00
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	\$356 92

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Dublin Stage Co., wood for Mrs. Bowen,	\$ 4 50
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Bowen,	15 00
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Bowen,	24 00
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Bowen,	27 00
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Bowen,	15 00
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Barker,	3 89
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Kiristo,	6 00
Fred Canavan, aid for Fred Burbee,	12 00
George F. Knowlton, aid for Fred Burbee,	21 00
Fred Canavan, aid for John Collins,	5 66
Fred Canavan, aid for Theo. Durant,	2 55
Clinton Collins, aid for Theo. Durant,	35 75
H. E. Swan & Co., clothes for Moses Jaffrey,	3 00

County of Cheshire, board for Geo. M. Towne,	76 25
Charles E. Hayes, expense on account of Geo. Towne,	2 00
Benj. Martin, tramp account,	4 50
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	2 10
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	5 70
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Bowen,	15 00
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Barker,	1 76
G. W. Barker, aid for Mrs. Barker,	9 40
William McGrath, aid for Mrs. Barker,	2 89
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	3 00
Dr. Dimick, case of Bowen child,	21 30
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Bowen,	15 00
Winn Bros., aid for Mrs. Bowen,	6 00
Winn Bros., aid for Mrs. Barker,	2 00
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Barker,	1 46
Fred Canavan, aid for Mrs. Maki,	7 68
T. J. Winn, aid Moses Jaffrey to Keene hospital,	3 26
Dublin Stage Co., sexton account T. Durant,	5 00
Benj. Martin, expense on Willis case,	8 00
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	\$367 65

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Martin M. Mason, interest on note,	\$ 36 00
Fidie White, part payment on note,	50 00
Fidie White, part payment on note,	24 00
Fidie White, part payment on note,	12 00
The Citizens National Bank, note paid in full,	400 00
The Citizens National Bank, note paid in full,	200 00
The Citizens National Bank, interest on note,	18 81
The Citizens National Bank, note paid in full,	200 00
H. Colony, administrator, interest on note,	254 65
H. Colony, administrator, note paid in full,	9,550 00
B. F. Bemis, interest on note,	24 00
B. F. Bemis, interest on note,	50 00
B. F. Bemis, interest on note,	9 50

B. F. Bemis, note in full,	100 00
C. C. Farwell, interest on note,	5 20
C. C. Farwell, note in full,	250 00
Mary Parker, interest on note,	63 00
George Tufts, interest on note,	47 50
George Tufts, note in full,	200 00
Winn Bros., interest and note in full,	156 00
Charles P. Hayward, note in full,	300 00
Charles P. Hayward, interest on note,	72 00
Winn Bros., interest on note,	5 46
A. E. Wright, note in full,	350 00
A. E. Wright, note in full,	200 00
A. E. Wright, interest on two notes,	84 00
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	\$12,662 12

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State treasurer, state tax,	\$1,022 00
County treasurer, county tax,	1,027 90
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	\$2,049 90

BREAKING ROADS.

Dublin Stage Co., snow bill,	\$23 00
C. A. Blake, breaking roads,	12 52
E. A. Seaver, breaking roads,	5 90
Dublin Stage Co., rolling snow,	16 75
C. A. Blake, men and teams,	33 30
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	\$91 47

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

George G. Mason, labor on road,	\$ 14 25
W. W. Lampman, labor on Eaton bridge,	88 00
C. C. Farwell, labor on road,	8 00

P. W. Russell, labor on road,	1 00
E. G. Seaver, labor on road,	1 95
C. A. Blake, labor on road,	52 24
C. A. Blake, labor on road,	29 48
C. A. Blake, labor on road,	90 00
C. A. Blake, labor on road,	150 00
C. A. Blake, labor on road,	100 00
C. A. Blake, labor on road,	250 00
George F. Bemis, labor on road,	3 50
G. M. Tarbell, labor on road,	1 25
E. W. Seaver, labor on road,	6 40
E. W. Seaver, bridge plank,	26 80
T. J. Winn, labor on road,	1 90
M. M. Mason, labor on road,	2 50
Alex. Mackie, labor on road,	45 00
Winn Bros., plank,	47 38
Northeast Metal Culvert Co.,	31 58
John LaPoint, work on road and railing poles,	4 50
C. A. Blake, work on road and bridges,	113 89
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	\$1,069 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

Geo. G. Mason, work on cemetery fence,	\$ 12 00
G. F. Bemis, freight bill,	72
Frank Sawyer, repairs on tramp house,	50
Geo. G. Mason, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Dublin Stage Co., team for selectmen,	5 25
Dublin Stage Co., pair of lowering straps,	5 00
Peter Dionne, repairing tools,	1 50
B. F. Bemis, forest fires,	25 30
B. F. Bemis, forest fires,	104 54
Albert Upton, over assessment,	3 62
Laura Tuttle, cemetery fence,	100 00
Fred Canavan, paint,	45
W. W. Lampman, picking moths,	25 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports,	33 00

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Geo. W. Davis, painting library building,	34 00
James Marnell, sawing wood for library,	1 50
J. C. Bancroft, maintaining water trough,	3 00
Library Committee appropriation,	50 00
Fred Bergeron, over assessment,	1 85
Henry J. Farwell, work in cemetery,	19 50
Francis Hardy, work in library,	1 50
Henry J. Farwell, work in library,	3 60
B. F. Bemis, work in Cheshire cemetery,	3 00
Geo. Tufts, blanks and postage,	2 75
W. H. Spalter, stationery,	10 60
Geo. E. Tufts, returning marriages, births and deaths,	5 55
A. H. Childs, returning births and deaths,	3 50
John E. Allen, counsel,	3 00
Alex. Mackie, damage to pony and Mrs. Mackie, on bridge, 1910,	35 00
T. J. Winn, telephoning, and splitting wood for library,	1 40
Winn Bros., use of Eagle Hall,	20 00
Sara Coe, sheep killed by dogs,	16 00
Arthur Blodgett, drawing ashes,	25 40
Dr. Dimick, returning births and deaths,	1 50
L. P. Eaton, sheep killed by dogs,	93 90
C. L. Partridge, abatement taxes, 1911,	48 10
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	\$705 73

SCHOOLS.

E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	\$400 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	500 00
S. D. Bemis, treasurer,	200 00
S. D. Bemis, treasurer,	200 00
S. D. Bemis, treasurer,	200 00
S. D. Bemis, treasurer,	400 00
S. D. Bemis, treasurer,	320 40
S. D. Bemis, treasurer,	528 80
S. D. Bemis, treasurer,	111 26
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	\$2,860 46

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash from all sources,	\$21,612 53
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Town officers,	\$ 356 92
Support of poor,	367 65
Notes and interest,	12,662 12.
State and county tax,	2,049 90
Breaking roads,	91 47
Highways and bridges,	1,069 62
Schools,	2,860 46
Miscellaneous,	705 73
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	\$20,163 87
Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1912,	1,448 66
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	\$21,612 53

E. L. KENISTON,
Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the above report of the town treasurer and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROBERT McCOLL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

COUNTY POOR.

Due from county, Feb. 15, 1911,	\$ 51 07
Expense in Frank Willis case,	8 00
Aid to John Collins' family,	5 66
Aid to T. Durant's family,	43 30
Aid to Fred Burbee's family,	33 00
Aid to Mrs. Kivisto,	6 00
Aid to Moses Jaffrey,	6 26
Aid to Mrs. Henry Bowen and family,	142 80
Aid to Mrs. Makie,	7 68
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April, received from the county,	\$ 51 07
Oct. 10, 1911, received from the county,	137 96
Due from the county, Feb. 15, 1912,	114 74
	<hr/> \$303 77

TOWN POOR.

George M. Towne, board,	\$76 25
Expense for G. Towne,	2 00
Aid furnished Mrs. C. Barker,	21 40
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TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Benj. Martin, care and feeding tramps,	\$15 30
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ELWYN W. SEAVER,
MARTIN M. MASON,
THOMAS J. WINN,
Overseers of Poor.

This certifies that I have examined the overseer accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROBERT McCOLL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

For the Year ending February 15, 1912.

Number of volumes in library,	2,364
Number of volumes added during year,	120
Number issued during year,	1,593

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hand, February 15, 1911,	\$54 53
Received for fines,	90
Received from town treasurer,	50 00
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	\$105 43

EXPENDITURES.

Incidentals,	\$ 1 04
Paid for books ordered in 1911,	50 00
Paid for books and freight,	49 00
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	\$100 04
Balance in hand of librarian,	\$5 39

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA M. TUTTLE,
MRS. E. McCOMB,
ALBERT J. UPTON,
Library Committee.

Harrisville, February 15, 1912.

REPORT OF AGENT OF TOWN FUND.

The investments are as follows:

Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, deposit book, No. 14,774,	\$ 177 20
New Hampshire Savings Bank, deposit book, No. 41,545,	1,240 39
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	\$1,417 59
Received dividends for 1911,	\$49 60
Paid the town for schools,	\$24 80
Paid the Baptist Society,	12 40
Paid the Congregational Society,	12 40
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	\$49 60

CORBAN C. FARWELL,
Agent.

This certifies that I have examined the report of the agent of town funds and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROBERT McCOLL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Charles A. Blake, breaking roads:

FEBRUARY, 1911.

Dublin Stage Co., men and teams,	\$23 00
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MARCH, 1911.

C. A. Blake, men and teams,	12 52
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JANUARY, 1912.

Dublin Stage Co., men and teams,	16 75
C. A. Blake, men and teams,	33 30
E. G. Seaver, breaking roads,	5 90
	\$91 47

APRIL, 1911.

Labor on highways:

C. A. Blake, 89 hours,	\$19 76
Man and team, 119 hours,	56 66
M. Spofford, 93 hours,	18 08
One horse, 29½ hours,	5 60
C. Madden, 53 hours,	10 30
	\$110 40

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MAY, 1911.

C. A. Blake, 68 hours,	\$ 15 11
Two men and four horses, 106 hours,	100 11
Man and teams, 108½ hours,	51 21
One horse, 27 hours,	5 25
M. Spofford, 79 hours,	15 35
C. Madden, 108 hours,	21 00
Joseph Allen, 18 hours,	3 50
Walter Hill, 108 hours,	21 00
Peter Billiveau, 63 hours,	15 75
John Collins, 58½ hours,	11 37
Collins boys, 27 hours,	4 50
Pat. Leahy, 18 hours,	3 50
Frank Upton, 9 hours,	1 75
Thomas Eustice, 78 hours,	15 15
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	\$284 55

JUNE, 1911.

Labor on highways:	
Chas. A. Blake, 136½ hours,	\$30 32
Teams, 136½ hours,	69 88
Charles Madden, 109½ hours,	21 28
Thomas Eustice, 37½ hours,	7 28
Pat. Leahy, 39 hours,	7 58
Walter Hill, 110½ hours,	21 45
John Lassite, 72 hours,	14 00
A. Yalara, 72 hours,	14 00
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	\$185 79

JULY, 1911.

C. A. Blake, 81 hours,	\$18 98
Teams, 111½ hours,	29 42
C. Madden, 66½ hours,	12 93

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Walter Hill, 51½ hours,	10 01
Finn, No. 1, 36 hours,	7 00
Finn, No. 2, 18 hours,	3 50
Thomas Venable, 44½ hours,	8 65
One horse, 15½ hours,	2 01
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	\$92 50

AUGUST, 1911.

Peter Dionne, repairs on road machine,	\$8 65
C. A. Blake, 22 hours,	4 88
Team, 24½ hours,	6 47
Charles Madden, 22 hours,	4 28
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	\$24 28

SEPTEMBER, 1911.

C. A. Blake, 71½ hours,	\$15 87
Teams, 70 hours,	18 47
Charles Madden, 40½ hours,	7 87
Walter Hill, 9 hours,	1 75
James O'Brine, 11½ hours,	2 23
Thomas Venable, 11½ hours ,	2 23
One horse, 8 hours,	1 08
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	\$49 50

OCTOBER, 1911.

C. A. Blake, 42½ hours,	\$9 32
Teams, 35½ hours,	9 37
Charles Madden, 35½ hours,	6 90
One horse, 11 hours,	1 48
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	\$27 07

DECEMBER, 1911.

C. A. Blake, 13½ hours,	\$3 00
Chas. Townsend, 6 hours,	1 16
John Grimes, 6 hours,	1 16
Team, 13½ hours,	3 57
Sixteen railing poles, 10c each,	1 60
Oil and axle grease,	40
Eighteen pounds spikes,	63

 \$11 52

 C. A. BLAKE,
 Agent.
SPECIAL EXPENSE ON HIGHWAYS.

John LaPoint, railing poles and labor,	\$ 4 50
G. Grant Mason, labor on roads,	14 85
E. W. Seaver, labor on roads,	6 40
C. C. Farwell, labor on roads,	8 00
P W. Russell, labor on roads,	1 00
E. G. Seaver, labor on roads,	1 95
S. M. Tarbell, labor on roads,	1 25
G. F. Bemis, labor on roads,	3 50
M. M. Mason, labor on roads,	2 50
T. J. Winn, labor on roads,	1 90
Alex. Mackie, labor on roads,	45 00
Northeast Metal Culvert Co., culverts,	31 58

 \$122 43
BRIDGE PLANK.

E. W. Seaver, 1489 ft., @ \$18.00,	\$26 80
Winn Bros., 2632 ft., @ \$18.00,	47 38

 \$74 18

 ELWYN W. SEAVER,
 MARTIN M. MASON,
 THOMAS J. WINN,

Selectmen.

This certifies that I have examined the report of road agent and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROBERT McCOLL,

Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Harrisville:

In compliance with the laws of the state, we will now present our annual report. Soon after our last school meeting, Mr. Dunn, a member of the board, left town, and quite recently Mr. Hayward, the senior member of the board, resigned, and Robert McColl was appointed in his place, leaving the duties to be performed by those wholly unaccustomed to its demands. However, we think we can truthfully congratulate the town upon the competency of its teachers. Not only have they been thorough in the instruction given their pupils, but the discipline and management of their schools have been all that could reasonably be desired.

Twelve scholars have graduated from the Grammar grades and entered higher schools out of town. This is the largest number ever graduated in one year, and speaks louder in praise of the schools than anything we might write.

We have had thirty-five weeks of school the present year. As usual the item of fuel has entered largely into our accounts. Perhaps we might have a more costly way of heating our school buildings, but we do not think of any.

We have painted the school building at the village, improved the closets, and other needed repairs, at a cost of \$195. New seats and desks at the Chesham school are needed, as those in use are antiquated, badly out of repair, and not corresponding to their surroundings.

In making this brief report, we have, by no means, been unmindful of the help of our efficient superintendent, Mr. Cotton, both to the school board and teachers, and the general advancement made which is due him in his untiring efforts in the field of labor to which he has been chosen. His report of the conditions of the educational interests of the

town and its needs, and the benefits of the rising generation is herewith presented and worthy of your consideration.

Estimates for the coming fiscal year, ending Feb. 13, 1913.

Money required by law,	\$1,100 00
Money in addition,	293 00
Text books and supplies,	125 00
High school tuition,	375 00
Flags and appurtenances,	25 00
District officers,	100 00
Superintendent,	220 00
Repairs,	75 00
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	\$2,313 00

The above estimates are substantially the same as last year, with the exception of tuition for scholars attending high schools out of town, and are required in order to obtain aid provided by the state.

BERNARD F. BEMIS,

ROBERT McCOLL,

School Board.

Harrisville, N. H., Feb. 15, 1912.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Harrisville School Board:

I take pleasure in submitting to you my second annual report as superintendent of your schools. The year has been a prosperous one, and your supervisor believes that a good amount of progress has been made, both on the intellectual side of the development of your children and the physical environment, which is of no less importance than the former. There is much left to do, however. The fact that education is in a constant process of change, both in methods of teaching and curriculum, eternally confronts one. This is due to several conditions.

But a short time ago, only a very small proportion of the pupils reached the same relative state of advancement as the average or normal pupil does to-day. The reason for this was that the child was given a different kind of education, an education in which technicalities played such an important part of the teacher's work and the work of the textbook writer, that only the brighter child succeeded in surmounting the difficulty. Then only the highly selected pupil was allowed to enter the high school. The resultant is obvious. To-day eighty-three per cent. of those who graduate from the grammar schools of our State pass into the high school, and fifty-one per cent. of those who pass into the high school graduate. This fact alone represents a great stride in our educational process. It has been accomplished within ten years from date and is an achievement of which New Hampshire may well be proud. It may not be out of place to remark that more pupils, in proportion to population, graduate from the high school in our State than any other state of our Union. The high school has now become just as

important a factor in our common school system as the primary school was a short time ago.

The new child labor law, requiring the child to be in attendance at school one hundred fifty whole days previous to arriving at the age of fourteen years, in order to secure a certificate, serves as another check to hold our children in school until they are sixteen years of age. Those who desire the certificate most are the least likely to obtain one, as they are usually the very ones who fail to have the requisite number of days attendance.

As a necessary consequence of these facts, the methods of dealing with our pupils have been in a constant process of change, and are bound to change with a view to fit the child more completely to its environment. The whole type of teaching has been changed from the hair-splitting dogmatic hearing of recitations, asking of pumping questions and time-killing processes, to methods of teaching and drilling. Testing is not abolished by the teacher, but is reduced to a minimum consistent with thorough work and good progress in the school room.

Much gratification is felt from the true spirit of co-operation existing among our teachers, the great improvement in the quality of the work of the school room and the progress of the pupils. Three of our teachers are provided with the State certificates, which entitles the town to two dollars per week rebate from the State. This is an increase of one over last year. Apparently there is an increase in the salary list, but this is offset by the rebate.

Our teachers have attempted to create among their pupils a healthy spirit of consideration for the rights of others, both at school and about town. We are handicapped in this only by bad examples and false ideals inculcated outside the school room. Parents and town officials are earnestly requested to assist school authorities in carrying out these ideals.

Teachers' meetings have been held for the purpose of discussing methods, as well as to illustrate them by actual teaching, to promote an interest in improving the teachers' professional knowledge and to give specific directions in regard

to the work of the school room, such as utilizing the black-board to the fullest extent and requiring accuracy in thought and speech, and detailed methods of teaching and drilling.

The usefulness of a teacher, as summarized in a recent school report, may be estimated largely by the way she meets these requirements:

“Her attitude toward life in general and her work in particular.

“Her willingness to harmonize. . .

“Her refusal to become a tale bearer, a gossip or a critic.

“Her desisting from malicious, unjust criticism of those in authority.

“Her ability to inspire, sweeten, broaden and harmonize her class as a whole.

“Her ability to command the respect of her pupils, even though she may not be popular with them.

“Her willingness to grow.

“Her ability to broaden.

“Her effort to keep out of a rut, to keep sweet, and keep moving.

“By the eagerness of her pupils to acquire knowledge (manifested in their interest, application, attendance and deportment.)

“By the strength of a class after leaving her.”

Our teaching force was depleted by the resignation of Miss Alberta Veasey, who entered Keene Normal School, and Miss Alice Laughlin, who accepted the grammar school at West Swanzey. These places were filled in the order mentioned, by Miss Martha B. Schlagel, a graduate of Plymouth Normal School, and Miss Winnifred Cheever, a graduate of Keene Normal School, both teachers of experience.

Cases of scrambling, irregular and slovenly work by the children are particularly to be avoided. This calls for high ideals and habit-forming power on the part of the teacher. Such looseness and carelessness is distressing in the extreme, and an earnest effort is being made to eradicate the evil, to the last vestige, in our schools.

Last year considerable testing was done, by your super-

visor, in the subject of writing, with the purpose of stimulating this branch of the work as much as possible. After a year's deliberation, the only conclusion which could be arrived at was that a practical system should be adopted. With this aim in view, the Barnes System was adopted. It is a method which calls for speed and freedom of movement rather than beauty of writing. The benefits of this system are already apparent in the improved handwriting of our children. This system does not call for an unreasonable amount of school time and will not interfere with the progress of the school in other branches. Testing is continued in this subject, as well as others, with the idea of stimulating a healthy competition among the different pupils and schools of the district.

Our children should not, in their close application to their books, lose sight of what is going on in the world immediately about them. A close observation of the characteristics of the common plants and animals which are about us, is a whole education in itself. Persons who possess the power of observation usually have greater acumen in attending to the ordinary duties of life, as well as enjoy a keener and broader appreciation of it. A few minutes each week should be devoted to teaching along this line of thought, or this topic should be correlated with others.

The work of the school room in general is being brought closer to the program of studies, and our different schools are doing more nearly the same work. This work is recorded and placed on file every six weeks. With such a record and grading of pupils, a new teacher saves much time by avoiding the repetition of work already done. The teacher also avoids repeating the same topics too frequently. She is encouraged and directed in doing new and essential work. What may be omitted without injurious results is also pointed out.

The program also adjusts the work of the school room to the age of the child. Previous to the age of eleven, the child does not care to work in the abstract, but enjoys all kinds of memory work and drill in the fundamentals. Too much repetition is often irksome to the teacher, but it must be done in order that the child may be properly grounded in the funda-

mentals. Whatever abstraction the child of this age does acquire is best obtained by doing a large number of concrete problems and then making its own deduction of the principle involved. The child has but little power of intense application but must have frequent changes of work. The thinking power is slow and no attempt should be made to give a thorough or technical knowledge of such a subject as mensuration or the technicalities of English grammar. The reasoning power has not yet manifested itself. Consequently compound numbers, bills and notes, interest and problems, involving puzzling situations, should be put over to the grammar school age. From twelve to fifteen, the child begins to enjoy the reasoning process, and will do a large amount of abstracting. Right here is the place where the need of a thorough grounding in the fundamentals is felt. If the child was required to do abstract problems at a time when it should have been mastering the foundation of its school work, the child's time has been worse than wasted.

By adapting the work to the age of the child, there has been a material improvement manifested in all subjects. The essentials of reading, language, grammar, history, geography, writing, etc., are being emphasized and better taught, and the non-essentials are receiving less attention.

All of our pupils who were graduated last year from the grammar school passed the high school examinations. This has resulted in nearly all of them attending some high school this year, which was an unlooked-for situation, but very encouraging from an educational point of view, and a compliment to our schools. The expense attendant on sending so many to the high school, has overrun the appropriation to a large amount, and is a feature which will have to be dealt with the coming year.

A set of Curry's Literary Readings, a work of five hundred pages, containing the biography of twenty-two authors and two or more complete selections from each, has been purchased. It is economical as a reader, and possesses a high degree of literary merit. A set of New Hampshire Constitutions with a brief history combined, as is required by law;

Wilson's History Reader for the fourth grade, Merry Animal Tales for the third grade, and Wide Awake Readers for the first, second and third grades, have been purchased. Other books have been purchased to complete existing sets. We are suffering from a drouth of reading, owing to increased efficiency in this branch, and shall need a supply before the school year closes.

The consideration and courtesy with which your superintendent has met on the part of citizens and parents, and the hearty co-operation of the school board, has been of great assistance in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL COTTON.

Superintendent.

Marlboro, Feb. 15, 1912.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Two Years: Joseph Beaulieu.

Two Terms: Clarice Boulieu, Clarice Bouford, Mildred Farwell, Uriel Hickey, Doris Lapoint, Robert McColl, Angie Thayer, Edwin Winchester.

One Term: Joseph Bergeron, Harold Blake, Emile Boulieu, Luke Bouford, Paul Clark, Edward Cunningham, Burt Cunningham, George Farwell, R. V. D. Emery, Beatrice Hickey, John Johnson, Mary Johnson, Anna MacKie, Leo Matin, Sarah Pajula, T. A. Pender, Herman Thayer, Lillian Twitchell, Rajula, T. A. Pender, Herman Thayer Lillian Twitchell, Magdelene Wehren, Myrtie Willii.

SCHOOL	TERM	TEACHER	No. weeks	Daily attendance	Average membership	Visits superintendent	Visits school board	Visits parents and others
Chesham	Spring	Alice Laughlin	12	26.54	30.25	10	2	7
	Fall	Winnifred Cheever	12	28.38	30.03	8	2	9
	Winter	Winnifred Cheever		\$26.76	\$28.99	\$5	\$1	\$6
Grammar	Spring	Sadie Ellis	12	23.33	25.70	9	6	11
	Fall	Sadie Ellis	12	23.15	24.65	9	4	8
	Winter	Sadie Ellis		\$20.90	\$22.94	\$5	\$3	\$4
Primary	Spring	Edith Blake	12	37.95	41.04	9	4	37
	Fall	Edith Blake	12	41.91	46.47	9	4	25
	Winter	Edith Blake		\$39.16	\$42.56	\$5	\$3	\$1
Eastview	Spring	Alberta Veasey	12	7.37	8.14	8	2	6
	Fall	Martha Schlagel	12	9.62	10.63	8	2	3
	Winter	Martha Schlagel		\$7.86	\$10.00	\$5		\$2

§ To February 1, 1912. Per cent attendance, 90.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Received from E. L. Keniston, town treasurer, as follows:

Cash on hand, as reported Feb. 15, 1911,	\$84 75
May 6, Check,	\$500 00
May 17, Check,	400 00
Sept. 6, Check,	200 00
Sept. 30, Check,	200 00
Oct. 28, Check,	200 00
Nov. 23, Check,	400 00
Dec. 14, Check,	320 40
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Town school fund,	\$ 24 80
Literary fund,	86 46
Average attendance,	143 00
Qualified teachers,	144 00
District supervision,	210 00
High school tuition,	31 80
Town of Roxbury tuition,	4 75
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Amount paid teachers as follows:

March 3, Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	\$48 00
March 6, Edith V. Blake, teaching one week,	11 00
March 6, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching one week,	11 00
May 5, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
May 5, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
May 5, Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	48 00
May 5, Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00

June 2, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
June 2, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
June 2, Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00
June 2, Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	48 00
June 19, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
June 19, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
July 6, Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	48 00
July 6, Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00
Oct. 2, Winnifred H. Cheever, teaching four weeks,	48 00
Oct. 2, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Oct. 2, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Oct. 2, Martha Schlagel, teaching four weeks,	40 00
Oct. 28, Martha Schlagel, teaching four weeks,	40 00
Oct. 28, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Oct. 28 Winnifred H. Cheever, teaching four weeks,	48 00
Oct. 28, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Nov. 24, Martha Schlagel, teaching four weeks,	40 00
Nov. 24, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Nov. 24, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Nov. 24, Winnifred H. Cheever, teaching four weeks,	48 00

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Jan. 5, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Jan. 5, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Jan. 5, Martha Schlagel, teaching four weeks,	40 00
Jan. 5, Winnifred Cheever, teaching four weeks,	48 00
Feb. 2, Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Feb. 2, Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Feb. 2, Winnifred H. Cheever, teaching four weeks,	48 00
Feb. 2, Martha Schlagel, teaching four weeks,	40 00

\$1,454.00

Paid for fuel as follows:

June 19, Arthur F. Seaver, sawing wood,	\$ 1 50
June 19, Dublin Stage Co., fuel,	32 40
June 19, P. W. Russell, 21½ cords wood,	11 50
June 19, P. W. Russell, 2500 lbs. coal,	10 00
July 29, C. P. Hayward, wood and kindlings,	12 00

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Jan. 3, P. W. Russell, one ton coal,	8 00
Jan. 5, Dublin Stage Co., 5200 lbs. coal,	31 60
Feb. 15, P. W. Russell, one ton coal and $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood,	10 50
Feb. 15, Winn Bros., wood,	4 00
Feb. 15, Dublin Stage Co., coal,	11 05
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	\$132 55

Superintendent's salary:

Oct. 28, Carl Cotton, six weeks' salary,	\$70 00
Nov. 29, Carl Cotton, six weeks' salary,	70 00
May 8, Carl Cotton, six weeks' salary,	60 00
June 9, Carl Cotton, six weeks' salary,	60 00
Sept. 8, Carl Cotton, six weeks' salary,	60 00
Feb. 2, Carl Cotton, six weeks' salary,	70 00
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	\$390 00

Paid for janitors and cleaning school houses:

March 3, Paul D. Bemis, janitor,	\$ 9 00
March 6, Theodore Durant, janitor,	1 25
May 8, R. A. Dunn, cleaning schoolhouse,	5 75
June 2, B. F. Bemis, cash paid for piling wood and cleaning closets,	4 00
June 19, Guy W. Thayer, janitor,	15 00
July 6, Paul D. Bemis, janitor, 12 weeks,	12 00
July 29, Lewis S. Farwell, janitor, 12 weeks,	3 00
July 29, C. P. Hayward, cleaning schoolhouse,	4 00
Sept 8, H. Worcester, cleaning closet,	4 00
Nov. 24, Hattie G. Farwell, janitor,	5 00
Nov. 24, Herman Thayer, janitor, 8 weeks,	10 00
Nov. 24, Donald K. Miller, janitor, 12 weeks,	12 00
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	\$85 00

Repairs:

Sept. 8, A. F. Greenwood, painting schoolhouse, and repairs,	\$111 00
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Jan. 5, Martin and Rivers, set furnace grates,	14 55
Jan. 27, E. G. Russell, work on furnace grate,	75

Jan. 27, W. S. Parker, repairs,	6 75
Feb. 15, Arthur E. Wright, material and labor on closets at village schoolhouse,	62 79
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	\$195 84

Supplies and books:

May 8, W. L. Metcalf, school blanks,	\$ 1 50
June 19, Edward E. Babb & Co.,	14 04
June 19, Edward E. Babb & Co.,	22 95
June 19, Gault & Spaulding,	3 00
June 19, Milton Bradley,	9 76
Oct. 7, Silver, Burdette & Co., books,	65
Oct. 7, Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies,	31 35
Nov. 7, J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	6 88
Nov. 7, American Book Co., supplies,	8 26
Nov. 7, The Acme Pub. Co., supplies,	2 08
Nov. 7, Little, Brown & Co., books,	25 44
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Jan. 5, A. S. Barnes Co., writing books,	11 80
Feb. 15, W. H. Spalter, supplies,	5 42
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	\$143 13

Sundries:

March 3, S. D. Bemis, freight and express,	\$ 1 85
May 8, R. A. Dunn, express,	1 25
May 8, Carl Cotton, letter heads,	1 12
May 8, G. H. Aldrich & Sons, insurance,	58 00
July 29, C. P. Hayward, express on books,	60
July 29, B. F. Bemis, express and telephone,	1 16
Sept. 12, Spencer Hardware Co., glass, putty, etc.,	1 01
Sept. 27, The Beal Press Co., diplomas,	6 25
Sept. 27, W. L. Metcalf, promotion cards,	72
Dec. 11, Ernest C. Blake, transportation of scholars,	27 00
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Jan. 18, George F. Bemis, express on grates,	1 00
Feb. 15, Robert McColl, cash paid for cleaning furnace pipe and clock,	3 75
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	\$103 71

High school tuition:

Aug. 6, Union School District, Keene, for Walter S. Parker and Clifford Brown,	\$20 00
Aug. 6, Colby Academy, Chessie and Gordon Bemis,	24 00
Aug. 6, Wilton High School, Roger Cunningham,	22 00
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Jan. 22, Union School District, Keene, for Walter Parker, Paul Bemis and Reginald Mason,	30 00
Jan. 27, Colby Academy, for Chessie, Gordon, George and Marguerite Bemis,	60 00
Jan. 27, Wilton High School, for Ellen Cunningham,	14 00
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	\$170 00

School officers:

Charles P. Hayward, services as member of school board,	\$25 00
S. D. Bemis, treasurer of school board,	12 00
Bernard F. Bemis, services as member of school board,	32 00
Bertha C. Bemis, enumeration of scholars,	5 00
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	\$74 00

Disbursements:

Paid for teachers,	\$1,454 00
Fuel,	132 55
Janitors and cleaning schoolhouses,	85 00
Repairs,	195 84
Supplies and books,	143 13
Superintendent's salary,	390 00
Sundries,	103 71
High school tuition,	170 00
School officers,	74 00
Cash on hand,	201 73
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	\$2,949 96

S. D. BEMIS,
Treasurer.

Harrisville, Feb. 15, 1912.

This certifies that I have examined the above accounts of the treasurer of the school district and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CORBAN C. FARWELL,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE. N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1911

Date of birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
		Male or Female	Living or Stillborn							
Mar. 14		F	L	William H. Lounder	Gertrude J. Wheeler	Teamster	St. John, N. B.	So. Wardsboro, Vt	28	19
" 20		M	L	Warren J. Clark	Ellen M. Pinkham	Box Maker	Deering, N. H.	Portland, Me.	37	27
" 25		F	L	Fred Burbee	Jennie McDonald	Teamster	Canada	Massachusetts	36	36
Apr. 14		F	L	Joseph H. Jolly	Mary J. Blair	Mill Worker	Canada	Harrisville	38	18
" 27	Marie Frances	F	L	John W. Silk	Irene Winfred Dislets	Mill Operative	Massachusetts	Michigan	32	21
May 31	Nathaniel Martin	M	L	Durenza Lounder	Lilla M. Lapoint	Box Maker	St. John, N. B.	Harrisville	33	32
June 7		F	L	Samuel E. Willard	Florence A. Gilson	Farmer	Harrisville	Dublin	37	26
" 12		M	L	John H. Blair	Florence Babb	Laborer	New York	New York	32	24
" 22		M	L	Lewis E. Farwell	Lena M. Hill	Painter	Harrisville	Hyde Park, Mass.	38	53
July 30		M	L	Leon O. Bardwell	Mary E. Aldrich	Laborer	Gulford, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.	39	22
Aug. 13		M	L	Fred W. Travis	Minnie L. Jenkins	Farmer	Harrisville	North Carolina	32	25
" 25		M	L	William Severance	Ethel M. Farwell	Mill Operative	Maine	Harrisville	22	18
Sept. 16	Toivo L.	M	L	Adam Kauppinen	Sandra Lalo	Chair Maker	Finland	Finland	38	34
" 27	Clarence H.	M	L	Clarence H. McClelland	Myrtle B. Whiston	Telegraph Op'tor	Granitsville, Mass.	Clinton, Mass.	24	20
Oct. 7		F	L	Bernard F. Bemis	Bertha C. White	Farmer	Harrisville	Marboro	43	41
" 9		M	L	Geo. S. Bardwell	Pearl B. Swatts	Lumberman	Gulford, Vt.	Canada	35	30
" 18		F	L	Nopolian Allard	Blanch Soule	Mill Operative	Lowell, Mass.	St. Rose, P. Q.	25	23
" 22	Myrtle M.	F	L	Frank C. Farwell	C. Lillian Hill	Mechanic	Harrisville	Milton, Mass.	42	42
" 29	Frank Albert	M	L	Ernest R. Knowlton	Hattie G. Hill	Chair Maker	Harrisville	Hartford, Conn.	28	27
Nov. 11	Belleau	M	L	Joseph Belleau	Lidia Trudell	Laborer	Canada	New Hampshire	40	34

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1911

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married
Jan. 22	Dublin	Arthur Korpela	Harrisville	36	Laborer	Finland	Frans Korpela	Finland	1st	Rev H A Cooleedge
		Hilma Soderland	Harrisville	26	Weaver	Finland	Sophia Sontas	Finland	1st	Dublin
May 15	Fitchburg, Ms.	Robert Lyndgren	Harrisville	40	Laborer	Finland	John Soderland	Finland	1st	Rev J. C Silveryoon
		Mary Humburg	Harrisville	23	Home	Finland	Mary Stengal	Finland	2d	Fitchburg, Ms.
July 11	Harrisville	Herman Elovenban	Harrisville	41	Mill Operative	Finland	Charles Lyndgren	Finland	2d	Rev H A Cooleedge
		Hanna Yukkala	Harrisville	34	Mill Operative	Finland	A' exsea Humburg	Finland	1st	Dublin
July 12	Harrisville	John J. Ristinna	Harrisville	38	Laborer	Finland	Herm'n Elovenban	Finland	1st	Wilhelm Seeman
		Amanda Kietila	Harrisville	38	Mill Operative	Finland	Annie Roos'oose	Finland	1st	Troy
Oct. 4	Dublin	George Edgar Tuttle	Peterboro	22	As. Postmaster	Henniker	Mattie Yukkala	Finland	1st	Rev H A Cooleedge
		Rubie Elsie Wilkins	Harrisville	21	Home	Nashua	Mari Yukkala	Finland	1st	Dublin
Oct. 22	Harrisville	James W. Tenney	Harrisville	51	Laborer	Maine	Jacob Ristinna	Finland	1st	Wilhelm Seeman
		Annie L. Simpson	Harrisville	53	Home	Maine	Lusanna Pitka	Finland	1st	Troy
Nov. 14	Harrisville	Louis Lapoint	Harrisville	30	Spinner	Canada	John Kietila	Finland	1st	Rev H A Cooleedge
		Rosina Dilartier	Harrisville	17	Mill Operative	Canada	Lasanna Bettula	Finland	1st	Dublin
Nov. 25	Harrisville	Felix Oksanina	Harrisville	26	Laborer	Finland	Edgar H. Tuttle	Stoddard	1st	Rev H A Cooleedge
		Helja Pinpanpanen	Harrisville	22	Weaver	Finland	Evelyn H. Dodge	Weth'sfield Vt	1st	Dublin

§ Whether single or widowed. What marriage — whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1911

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days		Male or Female	S., M., W.	Father	Mother		
Jan. 19	Milton B. Magoon	4	15	Harrisville	M	S	S	Vermont	Vermont	Edgar Magoon	Esther Blair
Apr. 2	Theodore Durant	59	9	17 Canada	M	M	M	Canada	Canada	Frank Durant	Matilda Derosia
June 25	Ernest C. Thayer	40	1	30 Landaff	M	M	M	Canada	Dracut, Mass.	Hilbard Thayer	Phoebe Wright
July 10	Agnes Burbee	3	15	Harrisville	F	S	S	Canada	Dublin	Fred Burbee	Mary McDonald
Aug. 23	George Yardley	87	6	28 Harrisville	M	S	S	Harrisville	Connecticut	William Yardley	Rhoda Brooks
Oct. 25	John Stewart	68		Ireland	M	S	S	Harrisville		Ernest R. Knowlton	Harriet Hill
Dec. 8	Frank S. Knowlton	1	3	Harrisville	M	S	S	Harrisville			

§ Whether single, married or widowed.

